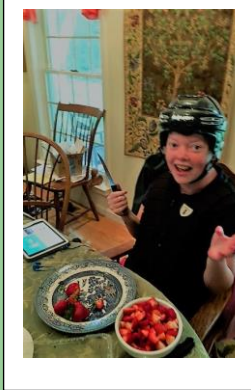


# I support HB 318 and SB441

Developmental Disabilities Administration -- Self-Directed Services (Self-Direction Act)

## Lucy's Good Life



### Because of Self-Direction I can...

- Have an active and happy life despite my severe epilepsy
- Choose employees who are dedicated to helping me achieve my goals
- Make my own choices about my life, including volunteering and recreation
- Be a part of my community and live safely and happily in the home I have chosen.

### What choices have I made?

- To maintain my fragile health by working out every day
- To ride and volunteer at the Retreat at Beckleystville
- To contribute to my family home by helping with shopping, laundry, and meal prep.
- To cultivate my many community friendships

*My family & I support the **Self-Direction Act** because **Choice and Control** make the **Good Life possible.***



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Historically **self-direction** has saved the state money while providing remarkable outcomes for people with developmental disabilities. **HB318 will preserve that.**

### What else will the Self Direction Act do?

- **C**reate a strong Advisory Council to *re-establish* the principles of self-direction & DDA accountability
- **A**llow participants to continue to include family members as support staff
- **R**estore the participants' right to choose a support broker as their primary advocate
- **E**nsure participants' choice and control of services
- **M**andate that *anyone* eligible for DDA services can self-direct

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